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GOLOVIN BAY SUBDISTRICT OPENS AT NOON SATURDAY, JULY 14

There will be a number of commercial pink and chum salmon openings in Norton Sound beginning this weekend.

SUBDISTRICT 2: GOLOVIN BAY SUBDISTRICT

The Golovin Bay Subdistrict will open to commercial salmon fishing directed at pink salmon for 24 hours from 12:00 noon Saturday, July 14 to 12:00 noon Sunday, July 15. Deliveries will be made directly to the floating processor vessel Norton Sound.

SUBDISTRICT 3: ELIM SUBDISTRICT

Elim Subdistrict will reopen to directed pink salmon fishing for one 48-hour period from 12:00 noon Monday, July 16 to 12:00 noon Wednesday, July 18. Deliveries will be made to the tender vessel Lucky Lady.

SUBDISTRICT 4: NORTON BAY SUBDISTRICT

Norton Sound Subdistrict 4, the Norton Bay Subdistrict, will reopen for one 12-hour directed pink salmon opening from 12:00 noon to 12:00 midnight, Saturday evening, July 14. This opening will be followed by one 24-hour directed pink salmon opening from 12:00 noon Sunday, July 15 to 12:00 noon Monday, July 16. Deliveries will be made to the tender vessel Norton Bay on July 14 and on July 15, deliveries will be made to the tender vessel Egavik.

Permit holders in the Golovnin Bay, Elim, and Norton Bay Subdistricts for the aforementioned openings will be limited to 100 fathoms of net and gillnets must a mesh size of 4 ½ inches or less.

SUBDISTRICTS 5 & 6: SHAKTOOLIK & UNALAKLEET SUBDISTRICTS

Now that the bulk of the Chinook salmon run is in river, a more aggressive commercial chum salmon harvest strategy can be implemented. To increase the efficiency of the commercial chum salmon harvest, there will be one 48-hour directed chum salmon opening in Subdistricts 5 and 6, the Shaktoolik and Unalakleet Subdistricts, from 6:00 p.m. Saturday, July 14 to 6:00 p.m. Monday, July 16. The entire Unalakleet Subdistrict will reopen to chum salmon commercial fishing for this opening from Junction Creek south to Black Point. Permit holders will be limited in these subdistricts to 100 fathoms of net and gillnets must have a mesh size of 6 inches or less. Shaktoolik deliveries will be made to the tender vessels Besboro Barge and Golovin Bay.

Good Luck and Good Fishing!